

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Good, I have another amendment I know you'll like. Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Maresh and Senator Koch. I agree with Senator Koch, that is an unusual combination. I think the bill is necessary for us to hear. This is one of those areas where we ought to be spending our time in terms of what is important and what must be done. There are a lot of things that we have up there that do not have to be done, but this is one we better move on, or there is going to be a lot of employers with a lot of problems in terms of this particular issue.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body. I was one of the senators that spoke against this bill. After I found out what it was all about I changed my mind. I had a change of heart. I strongly urge you to vote to support this bill in getting it to the floor. We need to get it passed this session.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Maresh a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Maresh, will you respond.

SENATOR NICHOL: Is this the bill that would require farmers to have workman's compensation?

SENATOR MARESH: Unemployment compensation.

SENATOR NICHOL: Unemployment compensation?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes. Certain workers, those that pay over \$20,000, and those that employ ten people during 20 weeks, in a years time.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Then probably, eventually it would sift down to all farmers.

SENATOR MARESH: Eventually, I believe, all farm employees would be covered.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. This will probably be one of the few times that Senator Brennan and I will be on the same team. I do agree wholeheartedly. This bill is needed. Yesterday afternoon we spent an hour and a half chasing coyotes, and didn't really accomplish much. This bill should be brought out immediately, acted upon and sent on its way.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I ask for the question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You are the last one, I think, to speak, so we'll just have Senator Maresh close on his motion.